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put on
rock party**

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USCG Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Michael Gavola**

REAR ADM. JOHN W. SMITH JR.
COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO

Summer is almost here and time for a gut check! Of course I mean figuratively more than literally. I am always intrigued with how fast time moves, especially when you are not thinking about it, doing something you enjoy like –rooting for University of Louisville to win the Final Four or taking advantage of the great MWR amenities. Time indeed moves very fast. However, I am inclined to believe that some Troopers may not feel or share the same sentiment. Day after day, you are the ones standing the Watch, making your checks, answering routine reports and providing the professionalism required and expected of a JTF-Trooper.

You Troopers are proven, experienced, and tested daily on a level that few individuals will ever understand or could relate to and we as a command group are proud of you. The SOUTHCOM Commander is proud of you. I am proud of you. I am proud of your responses, proud of your training drills and how those drills transform into the vital piece of a larger role in executing your duties and responsibilities per the SOPs established.

As I have mentioned in the past, these SOPs are the how-to guide for carrying out your mission to provide safe, humane, legal, and transparent care and custody of detainees - collect intelligence and provide support to the Office of Military Commissions. Therefore, instructing Troopers on the appropriate use of our SOPs is an inherent unit and individual responsibility and not the responsibility of an outside party.

There are times when others may think

they know best when it comes to running a detention facility and “Yes” we welcome their input...but it’s our job to execute—that responsibility does not fall on the shoulders of other individuals.

How long will we execute our policies and procedures? The questions are many, but each Trooper must realize that your skills must be executed to standard, not to time. Substandard performance will lead to mission failure and endanger fellow Troopers and/or a detainee –and that is not acceptable.

“Troopers, our existence is for a reason and echoed in the very reason we take an oath, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States –both foreign and domestic.”

Troopers, to live in the present and be astute observers while standing the Watch. And equally important, we must be articulate in knowing how to do a gut check, take a pulse in order to see where we are now and going in the future while maintaining the core of our very existence.

Troopers, our existence is for a reason and echoed in the very reason we take an oath, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States –both foreign and domestic. At the core of that oath is our way of life. At the core of our mission are detainee operations. Continue to perform your job in a professional manner and be proud of yourself. Ask yourself: have you done your gut check lately? If you haven’t, you should, because your fellow Troopers are depending on you as we all move forward in time.



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Orthodox services

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay is slated to have an Orthodox chaplain arrive on Saturday and celebrate Orthodox Holy Week with a full week of services. The week will begin with Palm Sunday liturgy on Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. in naval station chapel annex sanctuary B. The schedule for the rest of the week is as follows, with all services taking place in chapel annex sanctuary A: bridegroom matins on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m.; pre-sanctified liturgy on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m.; bridegroom matins on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.; holy unction on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m.; vesperal divine liturgy on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.; lamentation matins on May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m.; and Paschal services on May 4 from 10 p.m. to midnight. For more information on the Orthodox Holy Week, call the naval station chaplain’s office at 2323.

Women’s retreat

Interested in exploring your foundations in faith? Encounter Women’s Retreat is the perfect opportunity for GTMO women to deepen their faith in God. The retreat starts May 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the main chapel. The guest speaker for the retreat is Jamie Tanner, founder of the Women of Hope organization. Contact Keli Caraveo at 77178.

Marine life

Diving for conch is prohibited now through the end of May while the season is closed. Collection of starfish, coral, sponges, and fans is prohibited. For more information, call the Public Works Department Environmental at 4662 or 4493 or refer to COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10.

GTMO Golf Classic

Golfers, want a chance to golf like the pros? MWR is hosting the GTMO Golf Classic May 4-5 at the Yatera Seca Golf Course. The tournament is \$35 per person, which includes 2 rounds of golf, cart rental, and a gift bag. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for males and females. For more information call 77288.

Captain’s Cup

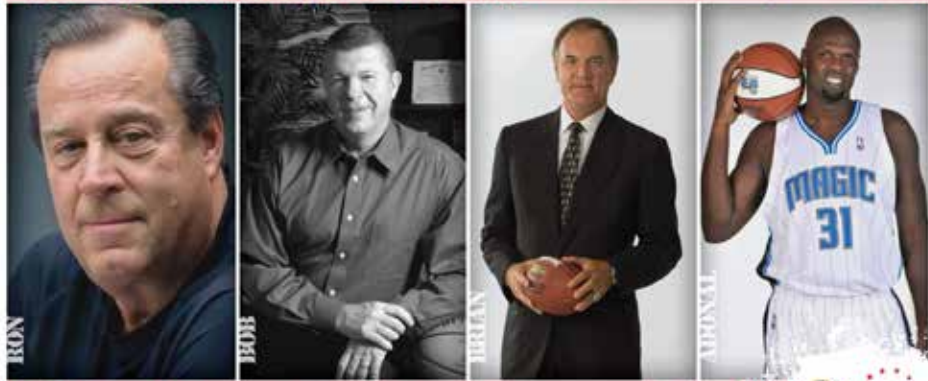
Athletes, want to take the challenge? MWR is hosting the Captain’s Cup Sports Challenge with 10 total events from May 17 to 18. Teams must register at Denich Gym by May 14. There will be a meeting at Denich Gym on May 9 for players and coaches. Competition will be service versus. service. For more information call 2113.

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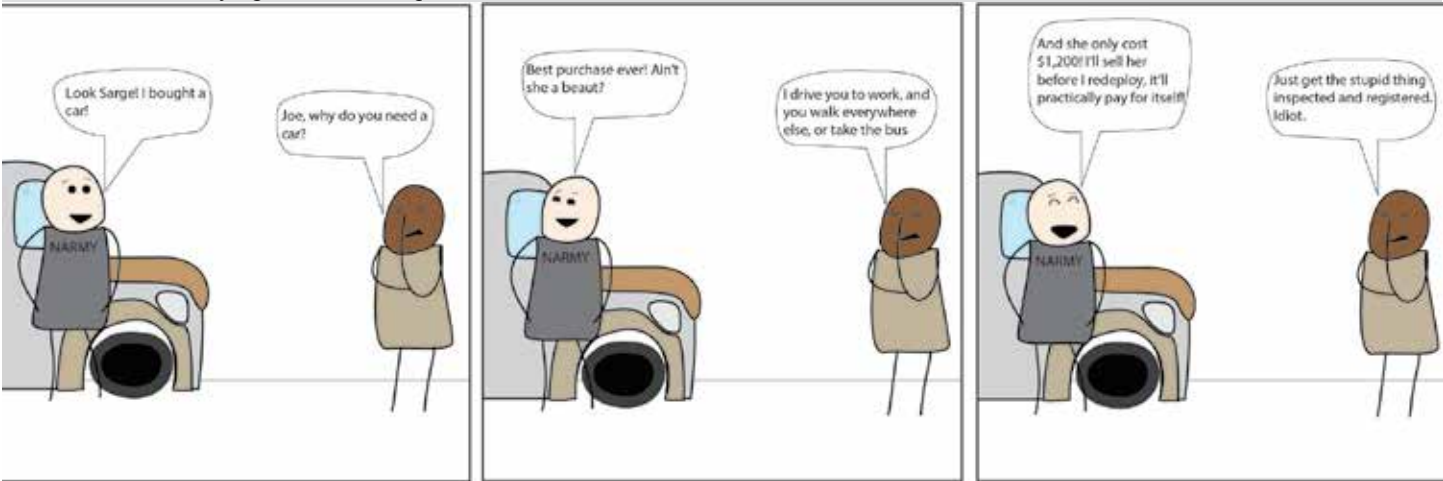


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GTMO JOE by Spc. David Marquis





Olympus Has Fallen

Movie Review ^R 120 min.



By Army Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation delivered another action-packed film for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay residents.

“Olympus Has Fallen” is a thriller that not only gives you non-stop action but presents a blockbuster cast as well. Just to name a few, Gerard Butler (“Playing for Keeps”), Aaron Eckhart (“Battle Los Angeles”) and Morgan Freeman (“The Dark Knight Rises”) all took part in this film’s exciting but horrific and unspeakable plot.

Kang Yeonsak (Rick Yune, “The Man with the Iron Fist”), an ex-North Korean terrorist, masterminds an attack on the White House that leads to hundreds of deaths, the kidnapping of United States President Benjamin Asher (Eckhart) and threatens detonation of all of America’s nuclear bombs.

After the White House was damaged and the president’s detail was disposed of, an alert was sent to Secret Service Director Lynne Jacobs (Angela Bassett, “This Means War”) that “Olympus” has fallen.

Freeman yet again assumes another role where he has to make presidential decisions (“Deep Impact”). In this film, Freeman plays the role of Allen Trumbull, the Speaker of

the House, but once President Asher gets tied up in the presidential bunker, he has to assume the role of the acting president. He is then faced with obstacles of trying to rescue the president and preventing nuclear bombs from exploding and killing millions of people.

Just as the North Korean terrorist’s stronghold gets tighter on the president and other government officials, Mike Banning (Butler), former lead Secret Service agent and friend of President Asher, manages to make his way into the White House after fighting off the other terrorist who plagued the D.C. area. Banning has been demoted to working with the Treasury Department after an early incident that led to the death of the president’s wife (first scene in film), but he is now in the spotlight again.

As troubling and daunting as the past may be for Banning, he is now forced to perform the job that was taken away from him and becomes the number one source for saving the president and preventing nuclear bombs from being detonated.

“Olympus Has Fallen” gives a feel of patriotism from the first shot in the film when an American flag is shown swaying across the screen. That patriotism continues throughout the film, but it screams a bit

too loud in a couple of the opening scenes. I personally don’t feel a shot needs an epic score if it’s just showing someone walking across a street – I don’t care if the guy is an ex-Ranger.

I also felt a lot of the dialogue that explains what Banning has been doing in the last 18 months while working in the Treasury Department is a little lame and cheesy, but I guess the new-to-Hollywood writers Creighton Rothenberger and Katrin Benedikt had to think of a way to speed things up in the film while giving a back story.

Some of the writing throughout the film made most of the actors seem like amateurs, but the steady, intense action that carried throughout the film seemed to overshadow most of it. However, I did like the sarcastic humor Banning used during the course of him killing the terrorist.

There were many action scenes in the film that were very entertaining, but I felt the outcome was very predictable. Despite the conventional ending, overall I thought the film was good. I would see an Antoine Fuqua (director) film any day.

I give “Olympus Has Fallen” three and half strong, turkey-vulture-killing, White-House-saving banana rats.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE VICTIM ADVOCATES



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates gather for recognition by both Naval Station and Joint Task Force Commands.

Interview and Photo by Spc. Jessica Randon
Interview with SAPR VA HM3 Kenneth Stanton

Q: Give me a brief explanation of what a Victim Advocate is?

A: We’re the first responders for victims of sexual assault, so if they choose to call us we go in and talk to them before anyone else does and let them know their options for reporting and help them through the process.

Q: How does someone reach out to you?

A: There are posters all over the base with the number to contact. It’s 84578.

Q: Why are you a Victims advocate?

A: It goes along the lines of what I do already with working at JSMART.

Q: What does it mean for you to be a first responder?

A: It feels good to be the first person they see and the first person they can talk to.

Q: Being the first person they may contact, what is something that you provide them with that someone who is not a victims advocate would not be able to?

A: Solid Information, someone they can rely on right then and there. Someone who knows the process they need to go through to get the proper assistance with their situation.

For more information on how to become a SAPR VA you can contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Susan Perez at 4227 and also 84577. For any emergencies regarding sexual assault, do not hesitate to call the on duty SAPR VA at 84578. You can also contact the DOD Safe Helpline, which is completely anonymous, at 1-877-995-5247.

Army Ball Commitee auctions pieces of home



The Army Ball Committee and members of the 525th Military Police Battalion’s Family Readiness Group arranged and hosted a fundraising auction at the Bayview on April 18. Auction items included state-themed baskets, other items from the States, and some local items like yoga lessons or a yacht cruise. Among the items sold in the live auction were the New Orleans basket, New York basket, and a handmade quilt.

Story and photo by Spc. Raechel Haynes

What would you give to be home right now? Some Troopers would give a lot to be home, but how much would they give to have a piece of home here? Troopers of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay received the opportunity to purchase a piece of home, right here in GTMO.

The Army Ball Committee and members of the 525th Military Police Battalion Family Readiness Group brought pieces from different states to Troopers at GTMO with an auction April 18 at the Bayview to raise funds for the upcoming military ball.

“It’s not often that you’re asked as a civilian to sit on an active duty Army committee,” 525th MP Bn. FRG President Ashley Clarke said. “The spouses and members of the FRG were invited to sit on the committee. We were asked, and we accepted. A lot of the spouses are very passionate about supporting the Soldiers, supporting the family, and supporting the community.”

The committee and FRG members’ task is to raise funds for the upcoming Army Ball.

“This was a team effort,” Clarke said. “We have some really amazing spouses right now. Several of us wanted to raise money to make the Army Ball as amazing as it can be and hopefully lower the cost of tickets.”

From the look of things, the auction was an incredible success, raising over \$9,000. Troopers from all ranks and services showed up to bid on the pieces. Most of the auction items were state-themed baskets, with a few

locally oriented prizes as well. The Maine basket contained items such as chocolate covered blueberries, a water bottle and tote bag from L.L. Bean. The Idaho basket contained bottles of huckleberry wine and potato vodka.

“Many people are missing things from home,” Clarke said. “Joint Task Force has so many Soldiers, and we went around and asked what would people like, what were they missing. A lot of them were just missing things from home. So, we decided that we would do as many baskets as possible from the states as we could and some from GTMO.”

Among the items to be auctioned was a dinner with the naval station commander, Navy Capt. J.R. Nettleton, that was sold for \$1,700.

Another item was a five-hour yacht cruise that went for \$2,300.

“The skipper jumped in and offered a dinner at his house and so did the admiral,” Clarke said. “We’ve had a lot of community support.”

Procuring items for the auction looked to be a challenge, but despite obstacles, the committee was successful in preparing for the auction.

“We can’t go out and ask for items or money,” Clarke said. “This entire auction came about through people wanting to help and making donations. Then we sort of just threw it all together and made baskets that we thought people would like, as well as people in the community wanting to help. They offered their services, like cooking or baking, yoga lessons.”

Family and friends from the states helped with donations for the auction as well.

“When my husband’s mother heard about the auction, she wanted to help,” Clarke said. “She is a quilter and offered to make a quilt. We were wondering what kind of quilt should we ask for and put our heads together. We decided to use t-shirts from every company and battalion, and she put together the quilt for us.”

Even with support from the states, time was not on their side for this event.

“We have been working very hard for this auction, but we haven’t really been working very long,” Clarke said. “It is April now, and we started working on this in February. We managed to do this very fast. We were concerned because of how long it takes the mail to get here. We set a deadline for the beginning of April, just in case there were delays. Gifts were still trickling in, even today.”

Despite the limited amount of time to prepare, the committee put together a fun event. Soldiers from the 525th MP Battalion helped out at the event, handing out auction brochures listing the items available for the silent and live auctions, showing the baskets during the live auction, and getting the crowd excited. They really got the crowd going because The auction lasted well into the evening, full of friendly bidding wars and laughs.

Clarke said the money earned from the auction and other fundraisers will go towards catering, renting the venue, gifts, and lower ticket prices. The Army Ball Committee plans to make this Army Ball one to remember.

Same mission, different perspective



Army Capt. Loneshia Reed, Joint Detention Group Civil Military Affairs Officer in Charge presents a certificate of appreciation to Army Sgt. Jason Chastain for serving as an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) escort from March 29 to April 12. Chastain is one of six Soldiers who helped in the escort duty. The others were Army 1st Lt. Benjamin Easley, Army 1st Lt. Jonathan Holland, Army Staff Sgt. Max Soellner and Army Sgt Michael Blair (One requested not to be mentioned by name). Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Khalia Jackson.

Story by Army Staff Sgt. Gigail Cureton
JDG Civil Military Affairs

Transparency, one of the key tenants of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo mission, may not be the first thing that comes to the mind of the Troopers working demanding 12-hour shifts inside the camps.

But a little-known detail allows a select group of noncommissioned officers and officers to experience something slightly different from the norm.

From March 25 to April 12, six Soldiers working closely with the Joint Detention Group Civil-Military Affairs served as International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) escorts providing support for more than 100 detainee visits.

Up to eight times a year, the ICRC visits Guantanamo Bay to talk to detainees, deliver detainees messages and photos from home, and discuss detainee operations with senior JTF-GTMO leadership.

“Escort support is essential to our Civil-Military operations. We would not be successful without them,” said Army Capt. Loneshia Reed, JDG Civil-Military Affairs officer in charge. “The escorts provide seamless transport and support for the ICRC delegates to and from the various camps

ensuring their safety and access.”

The ICRC mission is based on the Geneva Conventions of 1949. ICRC is an independent, neutral organization ensuring humanitarian protection and assistance for victims of war and armed violence, according to its web site.

Often misunderstood and sometimes disliked by Troopers who aren’t familiar with the ICRC mission, the visits may be seen as an intrusion or an operational distraction. However, they play a critical role in monitoring the JTF’s high standards related to safe and humane detainee operations.

For a Trooper more used to guard duty, the change in focus can be challenging at first.

“I wasn’t very excited about this escort detail at first because of the experience I had with the ICRC in Iraq,” said Army Staff Sgt. Max Soellner, of the 193rd Military Police Company. According to Soellner, his experience was largely based on perception rather than an actual working relationship with the ICRC. “I really saw them as against the guard force rather than a neutral party.”

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“I didn’t know what to expect. At first,

it was a challenge,” said Army Sgt. Jason Chastain, of the 189th Military Police Company. “You have to focus on the delegates and what they need rather what the Troopers need. The NCO in me wants to direct traffic, but my role here was to make sure these daily visits went smoothly for the detainees and the ICRC without impacting the daily operations.”

Soellner agrees.

“Walking into the same camps that you spend so much of your time and separating yourself from your Soldiers is hard,” he said. “It got easier as I grew into the role.”

In addition to supporting the ICRC, the Troopers also discovered ways to make their daily jobs better when they return to the camps.

“This detail was an eye opener,” said Army 1st Lt. Benjamin Easley. “I enjoyed seeing the daily functions of the camps independent of being in my leadership role. I toured other camps to see how they handle things. I got to be a ‘Joe’ and an observer.”

“We can become isolated in our camps and narrow in our perspective. Working as an escort can provide a larger picture,” Easley continued. “The ICRC escort detail helped me see how all the parts of the JTF mission work.”

GTMO ACTIONS

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Drew Klingberg, of The Caterpillars, spikes the ball Monday in the opening game of the MWR Open Rec Indoor Volleyball League. The league consists of 12 co-ed teams and play all games Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

PHOTO: Army Sgt. Ferdinand Thomas

They cried more, more, more

Troopers can't get enough with three shows of Dirty Gringos



Dirty Gringos lead singer Chris Evans (with microphone) and bassist Mike Clams (with guitar) rock out with a stage full of fans during their final song, Journey's "Don't Stop Believing," at the Tiki Bar Friday night. The band's three shows over the weekend at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay brought out plenty of audience interaction with a mix of rock, pop and punk cover songs, as the band members invited the audience to hang out with them on stage.

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

Even before the Dirty Gringos landed at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and took the stage to deliver the roof-rattling rock 'n' roll billed on a Morale, Welfare and Recreation flyer, Troopers here were already intrigued by the band because of its name.

After the Dirty Gringos showcased their own style covering '80s rock songs during a short tour of GTMO that included three concerts – Friday and Saturday nights at the Tiki Bar and Sunday morning at the Bayview – Troopers here were even more intrigued.

While hanging out with Troopers at GTMO and playing well known music with their own twist, the Dirty Gringos also displayed their fun-loving way that is part of the story of how the band got its name.

The story goes that the four band members – lead singer Chris Evans, guitarist Evan Cameron, bassist Mikey Clams and drummer Chris Condon – have known each other a long time and all had been part of touring bands before getting together. They were all married with children, so touring wasn't something they were interested in doing anymore.

But, they still wanted to play music, so they decided to put together a band that was all about having fun and came up with the name Four Dirty White Boys.

"We were calling it Four Dirty White Boys

as a joke," said Clams, who describes himself as the founding member. "We thought it'd be funny because there's four of us and we're just a bunch of donkeys. ... [It] eventually ended up going to the Dirty Gringos because it just sounds better and it's cool."

Clams and his bandmates said they like the name because it grabs people's attention, and they'll often get requests for shows through Facebook with questions about what the band does. They pointed out that the name doesn't give away anything about the band's style.

"We're really just a show-up and blow-up party rock band," Clams said. "Just have fun with it. You can't be too serious."

"It's all about the live show," Evans said. "It's all about fun, live shows. That's really what it's about."

The main part of making the live show a fun one is getting the crowd involved as well.

"Probably one of our biggest things is we like to interact with the audience a lot," Condon said. "We like to blur that line between band and audience. We'll bring people up on stage. We encourage it. We're not performing to you. We're performing with you. This is a whole big circle of energy, and we want everybody to be a part of it."

People who went to any of the Dirty Gringos shows got the chance to be part of that circle of energy. From the moment the band members came out on stage at the Tiki Bar, they invited the audience to sing and jam

with them on stage.

What started as a trickle of a couple of fans at a time coming up to sing and dance along with the band became a crowd of virtually everyone from the audience putting on a party on stage for the band's last song.

In fact, on the first night at the Tiki Bar, the band played what it said was its last song until the audience kept cheering for just one more. The band members obliged but said they would only play another song if the whole audience joined on stage.

By the next night, the audience – many of whom turned out for the Dirty Gringos' first show – had caught on and a crowd was already on stage about halfway through the show. They stayed there and out with the band for the remainder of the show.

In the process, the band covered a variety of '80s rock, pop and punk music, playing the likes of Tom Petty, Journey, Billy Idol and Sublime, as well as some modern tunes and even a couple of country songs.

Along the way, audience members and band members alike were all having a good time. That's pretty much the point of the Dirty Gringos, the band members said.

"I think the base philosophy of the band is if we are having fun, the people will have fun," Clams said. "If we're up there cutting up, having a good time, playing these songs, people are going to start cutting up and having some fun too."

Having fun is all about having the right set list and having the right people, the band members said. After playing in different bands and seeing them come and go, the members of the Dirty Gringos appear to have hit on the right combination – and the Troopers of GTMO appear to like it too.

"If you can't sit at a table and just have a good time, then you can't get on stage and just have a good time," Clams said.

And the Dirty Gringos made sure everyone at GTMO had a good time at their shows. Friday featured an all-ages show that the band members was toned down just enough to keep it an entertaining yet family-friendly event, while Saturday was a 21-and-up show that Clams described as "full throttle."

Sunday showcased a more relaxed acoustic show in which the band members said they would invite people up to sing songs and play instruments with the band.

"When it comes down to show time, we're not so concerned with hitting every single note," Clams said. "We're going to play the songs, and they're going to come out how they come out. We're going to put on a show, and we're going to have fun. We're going to interact. All of that makes the whole show. It's not just what's coming out of the guitars."

While the goal of the Dirty Gringos was to make sure everybody was having a good time at their shows, the members knew they were at GTMO to entertain Troopers who are away from their families while serving their country.

Cameron said he and Evans came to GTMO with another band a couple of years ago for a Fourth of July appearance.

"We're really happy to be back," Cameron said. "We love coming down here."

"Every time, it's such an honor and privilege to be invited to come down here and bring a little taste of home and be able to interact with people who are working abroad on behalf of all of the U.S. citizens," said Evans, who was at GTMO for the third time. "While we know this isn't a real hotspot as far as live ammo, you're still away from friends and family and your loved ones."

While Clams said the Dirty Gringos have played at the Jacksonville and Mayport naval stations, he and Condon were making their first trip to GTMO.

"It's been unbelievable," Condon said. "It really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Just to be able to, in some small way, try and say thank you and come down and do the best job we can to help entertain. ... It's been a phenomenal experience."

"I'd say hospitality is an understatement here," Clams said. "It's really insane. We were halfway through [Friday] and I realized, 'Oh yeah, we've got to play music still. That's why we're here.' We're having so much fun, just hanging and talking to people."



Dirty Gringos guitarist Evan Cameron plays a solo while bassist Mikey Clams cheers him on during the band's Friday night performance at the Tiki Bar that featured a variety of rock, pop and punk songs.



Dirty Gringos bassist Mikey Clams jams a song with Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Coordinator Brittany Hanna and two other fans during the band's Friday night concert at the Tiki Bar.



Dirty Gringos guitarist Evan Cameron plays lead and sings backup vocals during the band's Friday night performance at the Tiki Bar.



Dirty Gringos bassist Mikey Clams strumlines the bassline and sets the beat during the band's Friday night performance at the Tiki Bar.

TROOPER FOCUS

Q&A



Interview & Photo by
SpC. Chalon Hutson

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Q.What were your thoughts when you were coming to GTMO, and what were your thoughts when you got here?

A. Our first orders were going to Kuwait, then they changed to GTMO, so it changed our mindset of what would be going on. I was pretty excited to go on any deployment. Coming here I was looking to do my work, and improve myself professionally, and have fun and enjoy GTMO.

Q. What are your accomplishments since you have come here to GTMO?

A. Multiple MWR events, including ping pong, the triathlon, and the one-mile swim – on those I all got first place. Career-wise I was awarded Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Q. Can you tell me about the Coast Guard Achievement Medal?

A. The Achievement Medal was awarded to me for helping save a Coast Guardsmen's life.

Q. What are your feelings about receiving that medal?

A. There are mixed feelings, because it was only awarded to me. There was also the whole crew that factored in and everyone else that was there... There have been people that have come by and thanked me for it... Thanks are all I really needed. It feels good to know that he hopefully ended up okay, and what me and everyone else did, saved his life. So, there are some mixed feelings on it, but I am thankful for it.

Q. How do you feel about being Junior Trooper of the Quarter?

A. There are a lot of people in this unit that also deserve to be Trooper of the Quarter, not just me. I just wanted to say thanks to my Chiefs for their support, and nominating me

and believing that I would deserve something

Q. What are your thoughts about what you have been here?

A. When I first came here I just expected to joined. That's all I want to do – come here and awards and achievements – it's not all I've to do better, and to train harder. You never have to be ready.

Q. What experiences do you feel will stay with

A. The camaraderie of our unit. I feel that we will give each other a hard time. We are always is out to help each other, nobody is trying to them, I couldn't have done any of this.

Q. You are a life guard back home, you won lon, the one-mile swim, the Achievement Med Quarter – are you Superman?

A. Ha ha, no not at all – there are a lot more Somehow I got – I guess you could say the

Q. Now your friends call you "Hollywood?"

A. Yeah they call me "Hollywood" or "Bay cool. ■

like this.

have accomplished since you have

come here and do work, that's why I work, just like everybody else. The done, but it keeps me pushing forward know what's going to happen, so you

you the most after you leave GTMO?

have a great unit here, even though we looking to help each other. Everybody bring someone else down. Without

the ping-pong tournament, the triath- al, now you are Junior Trooper of the

people that deserve these things. fame.

watch." They like to make fun, but it's



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GTMO committee remembers Holocaust, spreads awareness

Story by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

When it comes to remembering the Holocaust – the period during World War II in which more than six million Jews and people of other backgrounds were executed by the Nazi regime – it is important not to just honor the victims but also to spread awareness so another such tragedy never happens again.

That was the message of a Lunch and Learn event hosted by the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Multicultural Observance Committee, which used the event to observe the national Days of Remembrance, at the naval station chapel fellowship hall on April 18.

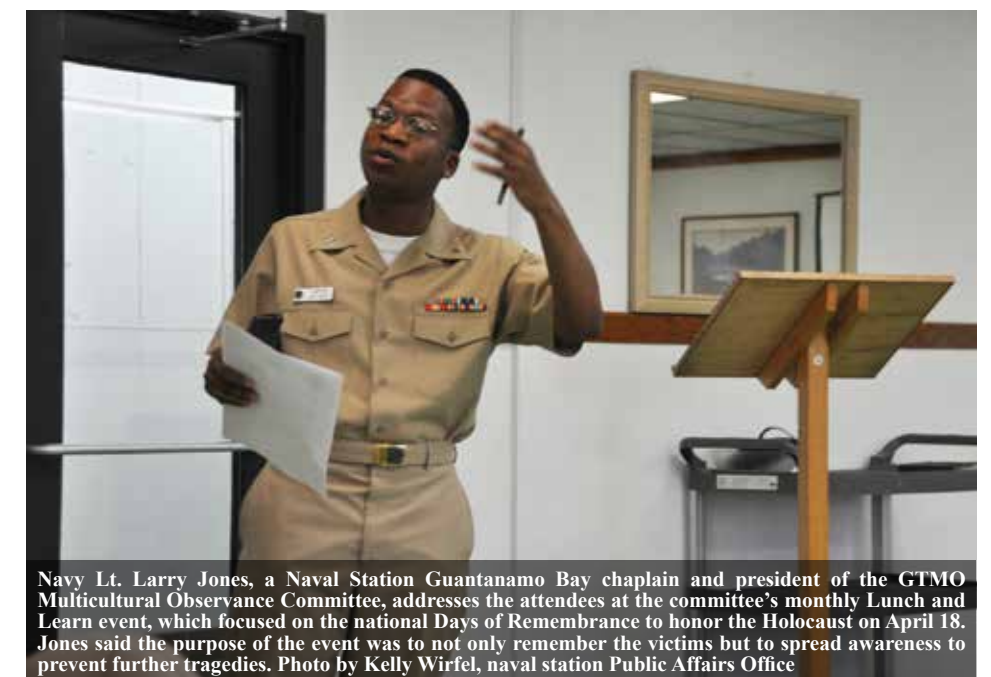
Though the Days of Remembrance took place in the United States from April 8 to 14, Navy Lt. Larry Jones, a naval station chapel and the committee's president, said the committee wanted to save the base's observance for one of its monthly Lunch and Learn events.

This year's theme for the Days of Remembrance, passed by the U.S. Congress and headed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., was "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs."

"In retrospect, there are a lot of things that could've prevented this from happening, a lot of warning signs that were out there that just weren't heeded, and so it happened," Jones said. "The push now is when we know something and when we are aware, what are we doing with the knowledge that we have to effect change?"

While the Holocaust happened more than 70 years ago, Jones pointed to similar, more recent genocides in Darfur and Rwanda that could have been prevented by heeding the warning signs first seen in the Holocaust.

"Let's be more aware of the cause of taking care of humanity and a better way by doing what we can do, being a part of organizations



that promote this kind of awareness," he said.

The GTMO Multicultural Observance Committee spreads that awareness through its Lunch and Learn events. This month, Jones said, the group began by watching a video explaining the importance of Days of Remembrance.

Guest speakers for the event included Lt. Cmdr. Janice White, of the U.S. Navy Hospital here, and Lee Adelman, the naval station business manager. White gave a presentation comparing and contrasting Christianity and Judaism to bring a cultural lesson to the celebration.

Adelman told the story of the

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***- Navy Lt. Larry Jones,
president of GTMO Multicultural
Observance Committee***

forget-me-not pennants that were given out to Freemasons to replace their usual insignia and help them avoid persecution from the Nazis. Adelman received a pennant in the 1980s from a World War II veteran who saw the Holocaust up close.

Thomas George prepared traditional Jewish food, such as Challah bread, hummus, pickled turnips and pita bread, for the event.

"That was our way of bringing remembrance and honoring those who did sacrifice their lives," Jones said of the event. "We always bring a military emphasis in there too, that we're all fighting for the cause of freedom and the safe and humane treatment of all everyday through our service to our country. We're doing our part to effect change."

Besides fighting for freedom as service members, Jones said people can make a difference in the world, whether on a global scale by preventing genocide or on a personal level by treating others with respect.

"We have this knowledge, we have the resources, so what are we doing to effect change and to make a difference with what we know?" he said. "Regardless of if it's a genocide or just our fellow coworker, if we see something that needs to be changed or something that needs to happen, let's us be the champion for that cause."

Like the Days of Remembrance, Jones said the goal of all Lunch and Learn events is to help those who attend learn something about another culture and then use that knowledge to gain the understanding and awareness needed to make a difference.

"My whole push for all of the diversity of the events is to bring a unity here to where we create those environments where there's mutual respect and acceptance of somebody who's different from us," he said. "That was not the case with the Holocaust. ... If you were different, you were ostracized and, in this case, you were killed."



Whit's BBQ Pit

As told by Spc. Phil Whitaker
Photo by Spc. Chalon Hutson
Apple Bacon Burgers courtesy of bhg.com

Ladies and Gentleman get the charcoal ready because it is barbeque time! I had a hard time this week choosing what I was going to grill up. At one point I was thinking chicken, at another I was thinking pork, but when it was all said and done the winner was BEEF! Grilling is a passion of mine and I will never write about a recipe without knowing that it is good. With that being said I give you Apple Bacon Burgers (yes, I said bacon)! This is a very easy spot to grill up but the end result will make your party goers think that you're a grill master. I like these burgers because they provide the hearty feel and taste of beef but the apple flavor is light and refreshing. The following set up makes four servings and is ready to eat in 30 minutes.

BBQ Tip of the Week: Whenever barbe-cuing, use tongs to turn the meat. A fork should never be used as it will punch holes in the meat and allow the natural juices to escape, causing the meat to lose flavor and become chewy.



"I hope that you like the Apple Bacon Burgers and remember to be looking for Phil's Grill in The Wire! Until next time, **GO, FIGHT, WIN!**"

RECIPE

APPLE BACON BURGER

SERVES 4

CHEF

Phil Whitaker

RESTAURANT

Phil's Grill

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

EASY REASONABLE WORTH THE EFFORT

- INGREDIENTS**
- 2 lb. Ground Beef
 - 2 Small Green Apples
 - 2 Tablespoons Mayo
 - 1 Tablespoon Dijon Mustard
 - 1 Teaspoon Honey
 - 4 Kaiser Rolls, Split and Toasted
 - 6 Slices of Crisp Bacon
 - Your choice of cheese (optional)

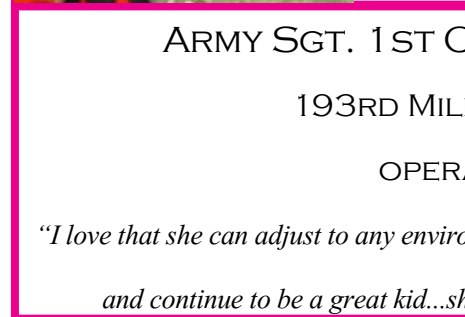
- METHOD**
1. **In a skillet**, cook bacon over medium-high heat until crisp. Drain on paper towel.
 2. **Core and finely chop** one of the apples; combine in a large mixing bowl with beef. Shape into 4, ½ inch thick patties. Grill directly over medium-high heat for 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until no pink remains.
 3. **In a small bowl combine** mayonnaise, mustard, and honey. Core and slice remaining apple.
 4. **To assemble the burgers**, layer apple slices and grilled burgers on the toasted bun bottoms. Top each with bacon. Spread a generous layer of the sauce on top bun.

GTMO SAYS...

What do you love most about your kids?



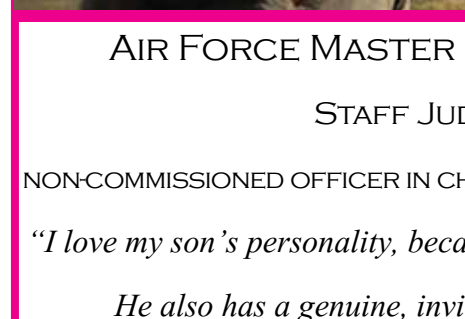
ARMY SGT. MATTHEW R. MCGUIRE
193RD MILITARY POLICE COMPANY ASSISTANT OPERATIONS AND
RE-ENLISTMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER
"My son Mason is my life. He reminds me of how important it is to keep America safe and free. I work extremely hard to make sure he is smiling every day!"



ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS EBERHARD NORDMAN
193RD MILITARY POLICE COMPANY
OPERATIONS SERGEANT
"I love that she can adjust to any environment every time we [permanently change duty stations] and continue to be a great kid...she is truly an Army brat and I love that about her."



ARMY CPL. HEIDY BECKHAM
189TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY
SUPPLY
"They all have different personalities. My girls and boys are so much different from each other."



AIR FORCE MASTER SGT. JAMES THOMPSON
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS SUPPORT
"I love my son's personality, because he's honest, thoughtful, and caring. He also has a genuine, inviting smile that warms my heart."



ARMY MASTER SGT. GREGG RAMSDELL
COMMAND ELEMENT
SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE
"Her fearlessness; knowing what it takes to win, and afterwards 'Be daddy's little girl.'"

Trooper to Trooper

Take responsibility

SGT. 1ST CLASS
EBERHARD NORDMAN
OPERATIONS SERGEANT, 193RD MP COMPANY

“Rank is a badge of responsibility.”
(DA Pam 360-1 1957)

As a young sergeant in 2005, I deployed to Iraq from Mannheim, Germany, as an individual augmentee (IA) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II/III. The deployment notification came with short notice to prepare myself and my family. I was pulled from my duties within the confinement facility and provided one week of intensive training in Grafenwoer, Germany.

Days after I completed my training, I was in Baghdad reporting to the 3rd Infantry Division Provost Marshall Officer receiving my mission brief. I was to be the detention operations subject matter expert (SME) to a Brigade Combat Team (BCT), reporting the unit’s mission and execution directly to the division PMO.

As I walked out from the briefing room, my head was spinning faster than after a dizzy bat competition, overwhelmed with my newfound responsibility. I repeatedly questioned myself if I would be able to handle the responsibility now placed upon my shoulders. Failure was not an option. My leadership had just placed a huge weight upon me with expectations of mission success. I didn’t even know where to begin.

Alas, I looked around and realized the best place to start was to take responsibility of my foxhole and make the necessary improvements. I wasn’t provided a roadmap,

just a destination. Many times in our careers, we are placed in opportunities where there is only the destination, and how you get there is up to you.

“As a leader, you don’t choose the best or most opportune time in which to lead. A good leader takes the challenge whenever and wherever it presents itself and does the best they can.” – Command Sgt. Maj. Clem

The path forward once accepted starts with taking ownership – responsibility of what is in front of us. In the Army, non-commissioned officers of all ranks having varying levels of responsibility and their successful management of personnel, logistics and time will make the mission a success.

The road we choose to travel as Soldiers and leaders carves out a road forward for others to follow.



“NCOs are responsible for fulfilling not only their individual duties but also ensuring their teams and units are successful.” (FM 7-22-7)

We have great opportunities in our careers to work with and learn from leaders at all levels. Every leader impacts our career, providing mentorship and guidance. It is your responsibility to make use of the guidance and develop yourself into the leader you aspire to be.

“Responsibility is being accountable for what you do or fail to do.” (FM 7-22-7)

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	26 FRI	27 SAT	28 SUN	29 MON	30 TUE	1 WED	2 THU
Downtown Lyceum	The Host (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m. Oblivion (R) 10:30 p.m.	Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13) 8 p.m. Temptation (NEW) (PG-13) 10 p.m. Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) 12 a.m.	Admission (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Olympus Has Fallen (R) 8 p.m.	21 and Over (Last showing) (R) 8p.m.	Oz the Great and Powerful (Last showing) (PG) 8 p.m.	42 (PG-13) 8 p.m.
Camp Bulkeley	Temptation (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m. Admission (PG-13) 10 p.m.	The Host (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 10:30 p.m.	Olympus Has Fallen (R) 8 p.m.	CLOSED Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed.	CLOSED Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed.	CLOSED Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed.	Oblivion (PG-13) 8 p.m.

Call the movie hotline at 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook page for more information.

GTMO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

For more information, contact the NAVSTA Chaplain’s Office at 2323
or the JTF Chaplain’s Office at 2309

NAVSTA MAIN CHAPEL

Daily Catholic Mass

Tues.-Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Saturday 5 p.m.

Mass

Sunday 9 a.m.

Spanish-language Mass

Sunday 4:35 p.m.

General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.

Gospel Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.

CHAPEL ANNEXES

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m. Room A

Islamic Service

Friday 1 p.m. Room 2

JTF TROOPER CHAPEL

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.

Bible Study

Wednesday 6 p.m.

GTMO BUS SCHEDULE

All buses run on the hour,
7 days/week, from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Bus	#1	#2	#3	
96 Man Camp	:31	:51	:11	
NEX	:33	:53	:13	
Gold Hill Galley	:37	:57	:17	
Windjammer/Gym	:36	:56	:16	
West Iguana	:39	:59	:19	
TK 1	:40	:00	:20	
TK 2	:43	:03	:23	
TK 3	:45	:05	:25	
TK 4	:47	:07	:27	
KB 373	:50	:10	:30	
Camp Delta 1	:52	:12	:32	
IOF	:54	:14	:34	
NEX Trailer	:57	:17	:37	
Gazebo	:58	:18	:38	
Camp America	:00	:20	:40	

GTMO Beach Bus Schedule

Saturdays and Sundays only

Location	Run #1	Run #2	Run #3	Run #4
Windward Loop/ East Caravella	0900	1200	1500	1800
SBOQ/Marina	0905	1205	1505	1805
NEX	0908	1208	1508	1808
Phillips Park	0914	1214	1514	1814
Cable Beach	0917	1217	1517	1817
NEX	0925	1225	1525	1825
Windward Loop/ East Caravella	0930	1230	1530	1830
SBOQ/Marina	0935	1235	1535	1835
Return to Office	0940	1240	1540	1840

PROTECT YOUR INFO!

ALERT Reporting data spills

The website WikiLeaks has posted classified documents on its site that have been reposted by other media sites, including The Miami Herald and The New York Times. These documents should not have been leaked, and even though they have been made public, they are not “de-classified.” If you come across websites or links that appear to contain classified documents or information, DO NOT open the links! If you inadvertently open a classified document on an unclassified or personal computer system, you have committed a data spill. All data spills must be reported to the J2 security manager immediately, even if it was an honest mistake. If you visit the WikiLeaks website or fail to report a data spill, you are violating Department of Defense policy. The goal is to properly protect classified information and computer systems, not to get you in trouble. Do the right thing and report leaks and spills of classified information. Use your head, use common sense and use OPSEC!



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FERRY LANDING BEACH

Saturday, April 27

2 – 6 pm

CONTESTS:

- Cardboard Boat Regatta (Sign-up by 4/15 at the Marina)
- Sand Castle Building
- Surf Board Judging

FREE:

- Entrance
- Kayaks, Paddle Boats & Paddle Boards
- HUGE Water Slides & Bouncers
- Face Painting

FOOD:

- Food Vendors (Call 55371 to sign up)
- Drink Tent (Soda, Water, Beer)
- Coolers are welcome and encouraged

EXTRAS:

- Craft Fair
- CYP Dance Team
- Music
- Lifeguards on Duty

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